

Press release

Duration of IFAT Munich modified for 2026

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- New dates: May 4 to 7, 2026
- IFAT Munich will be held from Monday to Thursday in the future
- New description of IFAT Munich: Solutions for Water, Recycling and Circularity

IFAT Munich is on a growth trajectory, as the exhibitor and visitor numbers for the 2024 event impressively demonstrated. A key part of this success story is the ability of the world's leading trade fair to always adapt itself to new developments and the needs of visitors and exhibitors. After comprehensive evaluations and in consultation with companies and trade associations, Messe München has decided to shorten the exhibition from five to four days. IFAT Munich 2026 will now take place from May 4 to 7, 2026 (Monday to Thursday). The opening hours will remain unchanged at 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. As in the past, IFAT Munich will feature an attractive program of events and interesting guests on the last day of the trade fair.

IFAT Munich celebrates its 60th anniversary in 2026

“The new schedule will make IFAT Munich even more efficient,” says Stefan Rummel, CEO of Messe München. “At the same time, we will conserve the resources of our exhibitors and visitors. We have taken the upcoming anniversary in 2026 – 60 years of IFAT Munich – as an opportunity to optimize processes and have adjusted the length of the trade fair in light of this. The magnificent growth of IFAT Munich over the past decades is the direct result of the partnership-based dialogue that we conduct with many industry players and our ability to react flexibly to new developments. We will maintain this successful model in the future.”

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In 2026, IFAT Munich will also have a new name. The world's leading trade fair for water, sewage, waste and raw materials management will now be called IFAT Munich: Solutions for Water, Recycling and Circularity. This name underscores the trade fair's role as a platform where the world's leading and most innovative companies and agenda setters come together to present solutions in the fields of water, recycling and the circular economy.

You will find more information about IFAT Munich at <https://ifat.de/en/>

IFAT Munich

IFAT Munich is the world's largest and leading environmental technology trade fair. Every two years, the world-leading trade show presents solutions for water, sewage, waste and raw materials management as well as strategies to make maximum use of resources and to close raw material cycles. The next IFAT Munich will be held at the exhibition center in Munich from May 4 to 7, 2026.

IFAT worldwide

In addition to organizing the world's leading environmental technology trade fair, IFAT Munich, Messe München has wide-ranging expertise in the organization of other international environmental technology trade fairs. These include IE expo China in Shanghai, IE expo Chengdu in Chengdu, IE expo Guangzhou in Guangzhou, IE expo Shenzhen in Shenzhen, IFAT Africa in Johannesburg, IFAT Eurasia in Istanbul, IFAT India in Mumbai, IFAT Delhi in New Delhi, Singapore International Water Week (in cooperation with IFAT) in Singapore as well as IFAT Brasil in São Paulo from 2024 onward. Together, the ten IFAT events constitute the world's largest network for environmental technologies.

Messe München

As one of the world's leading trade fair organizers, Messe München presents the world of tomorrow at its more than 90 international trade fairs. These include eleven of the world's leading trade fairs such as bauma, BAU, IFAT, electronica, and ISPO. Its portfolio comprises trade fairs for capital and consumer goods, as well as for new technologies. Together with its subsidiaries, it organizes trade fairs in China, India, Brazil, South Africa, Turkey, Singapore, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Thailand, and the U.S. With a network of over 15 associated companies and almost 70 offices worldwide, Messe München is active in more than 130 countries. The more than 150 events held annually attract around 50,000 exhibitors and around three million visitors in Germany and abroad.